

REMARKS

Claims 14-16 and 77-90 are presently pending. Claims 77-90 have been added. Claims 1, 6-13 and 21-76 have been previously canceled. Claims 2-5 and 17-20 have been canceled in this response, without prejudice to later presentation.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and the remarks appearing below.

Response to Election/Restriction

In response to the election/restriction requirement in the Office Action dated April 13, 2006, Applicant elects for immediate prosecution the invention of Group I, and particularly, claims 2-5 and 14-16, with traverse. As noted below, however, claims 2-5 are effectively withdrawn due to the species election requirement, and so have been canceled.

In the present Restriction/Election Requirement, the Office Action indicates the claims of the present application are directed to three patentably distinct species:

Specie 1, figures 2A-2B

Specie 2, figure 3

Specie 3, figures 4, 5A-5B

Specie 4, figures 6-14B.

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121, Applicant elects for immediate prosecution Specie 4 of the invention of Group I, with traverse. Applicant respectfully submits that original claims 14-16 read on Specie 4. As a consequence of this species election, claims 2-5 have been canceled. In addition, Applicant has added claims 77-90 and asserts that these claims also read on Specie 4.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 14-16, as originally filed and new claims 77-90 are in condition for examination. Therefore, prompt issuance of an Office Action

on the merits is respectfully solicited. If any questions arise, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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